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RESERVE FUND " 9,000,000

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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
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SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent

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TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [10]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$15,500,000
Sterling Reserve \$10,000,000
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1903. [13]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER
CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903. [14]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £344,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:—
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Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %
Hongkong, 19th November, 1902. [15]

THE DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tails 5,000,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

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DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.
H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1902. [16]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1903. [16]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

SHANGHAI Valetta W. B. Palmer, R.N.R. About 8th May ... Freight or Passage.

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LONDON and ANTWERP Shanghai E. Spicer, R.N.R. Noon, 13th May ... Freight only.

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* (See Special Advertisement).
Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES.
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(Calling at PENANG if sufficient inducement offers).

For Further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [4]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;
Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers
and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

BAVERN WEDNESDAY, 13th May.

ZIETEN WEDNESDAY, 27th May.

STUTTGART THURSDAY, 11th June.

ROON THURSDAY, 25th June.

PREUSSEN THURSDAY, 9th July.

HAMBURG THURSDAY, 23rd July.

PRINZ HEINRICH THURSDAY, 6th August.

SACHSEN THURSDAY, 20th August.

KIAUTSCHOU THURSDAY, 3rd September.

BAVERN THURSDAY, 17th September.

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of May, 1903, at NOON, the Steamship "BAVERN,"
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. Bleeker, with MAILS,
PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at
NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 11th May, Cargo and
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 12th May, and Parcels
will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 12th May.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to
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AGENTS. [563c]

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

Just Received. NEW STOCK of Summer Goods.
OXFORD, ZEPHYR AND AERTEX CELLULAR
SHIRTS,
SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, TIES,
LINCOLN AND BENNETTS'
SUN HATS, PANAMA HATS, STRAW HATS,
RAINCOATS, UMBRELLAS,
WATERPROOFS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [732c]

GO TO THE
KOWLOON HOTEL,
KOWLOON. J. W. OSBORNE, Proprietor.
R. F. DALY, Manager.

THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.
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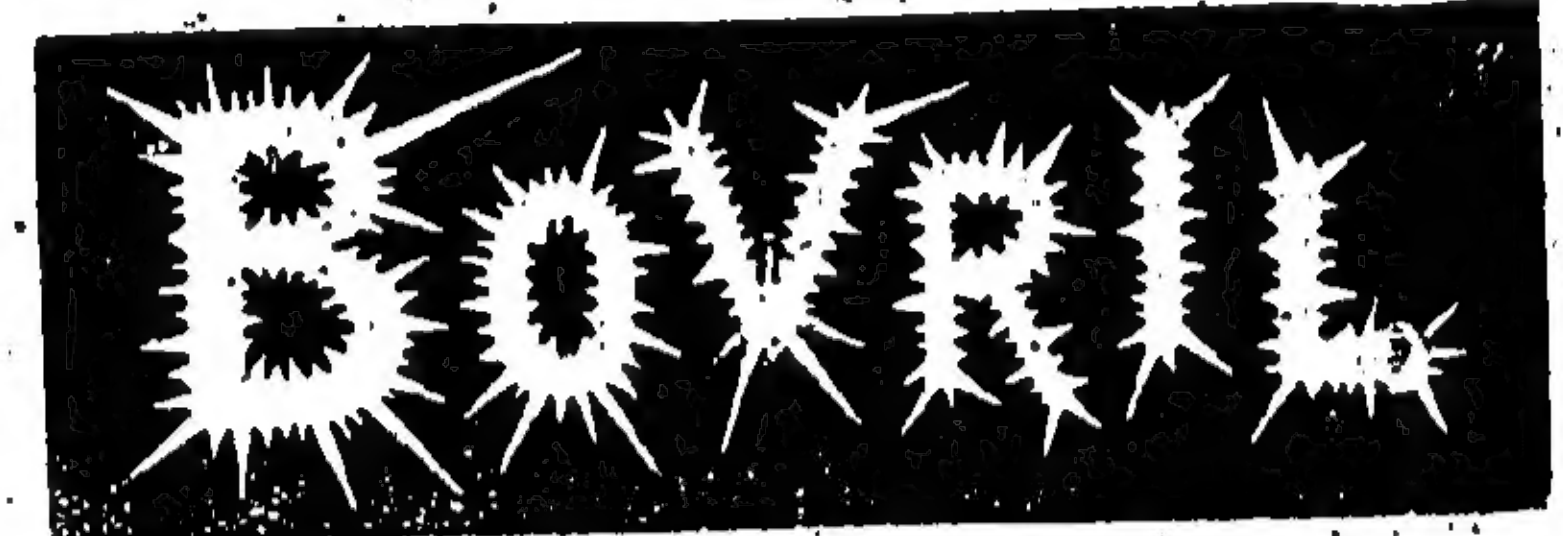
For Terms, apply to
THE MANAGER. [1339c]
Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

Intimations.

BOVRIL AT THE FRONT.

Bovril has played such a conspicuous part in South Africa that it forms no inconsiderable
feature of the story. The "Lancet" has had frequent references to Bovril in the reports of
the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Nearly every newspaper correspondent has
had to refer to Bovril to make his story complete. Rudyard Kipling and Baden-Powell
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use and prescribe Bovril, not beef tea, but Bovril.

The reason is not far to seek. Bovril is a nourisher as well as a stimulant. It contains
the albumen and fibrine, the sustaining properties of the beef. It is this, fact, together with
its absolute purity, that commends Bovril to physicians and scientists, and proves in practice
what it demonstrates in analysis. [C]



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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong, 593c]

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"OLD TOM"
"DRY"
Per Doz. - \$16.50
Per Doz. - \$9.00

SOLE AGENTS:
H. PRICE & Co.,
12, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1903. [952c]

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Is prescribed in the most varied forms of anæmia and
proves particularly efficacious to revive the forces of persons
enfeebled by illness or laborious and difficult digestion.

NO OTHER IS PRESCRIBED IN THE
PARIS HOSPITALS.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS.

16, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1903. [122]

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL (ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.)

CODE ADDRESS: "YOSEMITE."
35 BEDROOMS EXCELLENTLY FURNISHED. BATH TO EACH ROOM.
DINING ROOM AND CUISINE UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION.

EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN WINES, SPIRITS AND BEERS.
POOL AND BILLIARDS.

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TERMS.—\$4.00 to \$7.00 per day. \$65 to \$120 per month.
JAS. D. M. CAMERON,
Manager. [555c]

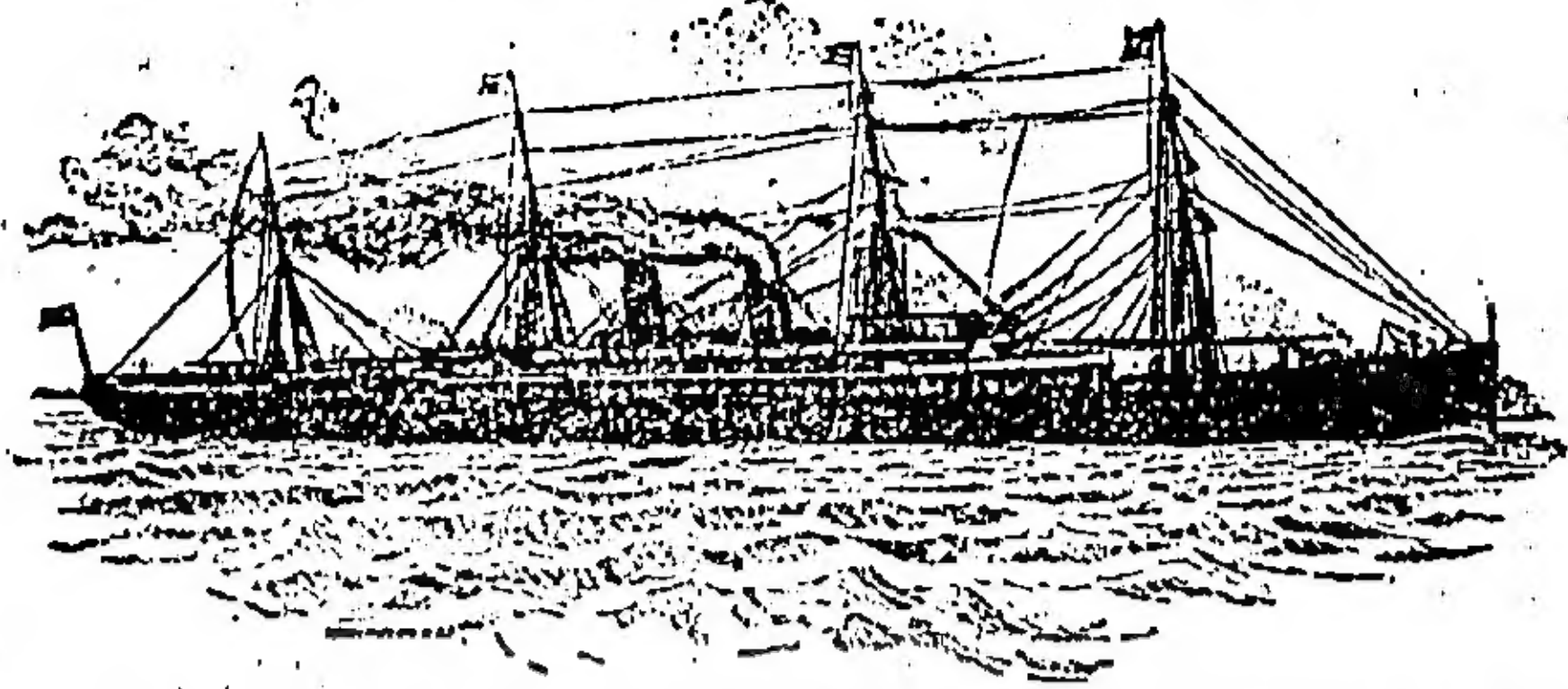
HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 58.

For Terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900. [117]

Mails.

U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO., TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"KOREA"	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, at Noon.
"GABRIEL"	FRIDAY, 22nd May, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	SATURDAY, 30th May, at Noon.
"CITY OF PEKING"	SATURDAY, 6th June, at Noon.
"DORIC"	TUESDAY, 16th June, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 24th June, at Noon.
"SUBSRIA"	THURSDAY, 7th July, at Noon.
"CUPIC"	SATURDAY, 11th July, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 21st July, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Points, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)

"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th June.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd July.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 5th August.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 12th August.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 26th August.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1903.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	Freight
SERBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th May.	Freight.
Rebelmund	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	14th May.	Freight.
Bremer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SEGOVIA	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	2nd June.	Freight.
Forck	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
STRASSBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	16th June.	Freight and Passengers.
Madras	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SUEVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	30th June.	Freight.
Forck	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
NURNBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	14th July.	Freight.
Laburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
NUBIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	31st May.	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM"	2,363 tons	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POW-SHAN"	2,363 "	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATS LIN"	2,363 "	A. W. Dixon.
"HANKOW"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,860 "	J. J. Lyssius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at about 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted), and at about 6 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at about 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted), and at about 4.30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN," 1,998 tons, Captain W. E. Clarke. Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. } Sunday Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 A.M. } excepted.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN," 2,119 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.

This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD. CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "NANNING," 567 tons, Captain R. D. Thomas.

"SAINAM," 588 tons, B. Branch.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD

Hongkong, 30th April, 1903. 1357e

Intimations.

NOTICE.

STEAMERS AND LAUNCHES FOR SALE.

A FAST twin screw steamer, just completed. Length 155 feet, breadth 25 feet, and depth 11 feet.

A Steam Launch with condenser, length 59 feet.

A Steam Launch with condenser, length 29 feet.

A Steamer, in course of construction, length 140 feet, breadth 24 feet, depth 11 feet. Engines 14' x 30', 20' stroke.

For Particulars Apply to

A. RITCHIE,

39, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1903. 1454e

CHINESE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COMPANY.

司公美華

IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS.

THE Company's OFFICES are established at Nos. 20 and 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD opposite DOUGLAS PIER. Hongkong, 1st May, 1903. 1543e

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM 1ST MAY next, until further Notice, the Retail Price of Ice will be Two cents per pound. Rates for One Ton and Upwards, supplied to Shipping direct from the Works, will remain as formerly.

Cold Storage Rates on application. Wm. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April 1903. 1455e

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN, as a TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY to the SANITARY BOARD, previous clerical training indispensable. Salary \$300 a month. Applications to be sent to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board. By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, Hongkong, 30th April, 1903. 1537e

WANTED.

AT once AN EXPERT TYPEWRITER. Good Salary to an Efficient Worker. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, 8, Des Voeux Road Central. Hongkong, 25th April, 1903. 1469e

WANTED.

A TEACHER for ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE. Apply by Letter to BRO. FRANCIS, Director, St. Joseph's College. No. 2, Robinson Road, Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

GESUCHT.

WIRD ein Deutscher als Verwalter für den deutschen Klub „Eintracht.“ Gehaltsbedingungen nach Uebereinkunft. Adresse: VORSTAND, KLUB „EINTRACHT.“ Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. 1471e

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.



AVOID ALL RISE OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE. W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., 15, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. 1451e

Intimations.

THE FUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Henconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 8th day of April, 1903, the following Resolution was passed:— That the final CALL of FIFTY CENTS per SHARE, upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of May, 1903.

And NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that in Accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, Interest will be charged as from the said 9th day of May, 1903, at the rate of 10 per centum per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the said 9th day of May, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Banker's Receipt for payment of the Call, together with the Certificate of the Shares, in respect of which the Call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the Certificate.

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STRAITS CURRENCY COMMISSION.

Faithful to our mission to serve to the best of our ability the interests of the mercantile body in this Colony, we print in another column a long telegram received from our Special Correspondent in Singapore transmitting to us, in the margin, the recommendations made by the Straits Currency Commission. The results of that Commission's labours have been eagerly watched for in this Colony, and our readers have placed before them to-day a concise summary of the text of that most important document—the report of the Commission. The announcement of the appointment of the Commission was made by us in our issue of the 6th November last from a special wire received from our London correspondent dated the 5th of that month. The Commission was composed of the following members:—Sir David Harbour, chairman; Mr. William Adamson, C.M.G., appointed by the Straits Settlements Association; Mr. C. W. Johnson of the Colonial Office, and Mr. W. Blain, of the Treasury. Discussing the constitution of the Commission on the 6th November, the *S. F. Press* thus comments on the qualifications of each individual member:—"Sir David Harbour, K.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., is probably the highest authority on Eastern currency questions. For many years Financial Member in India, in 1886 he was a member of the Royal Commission on Bimetallism. In 1893 he was made a member of the Council of Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland. Later he was member of the West Indies Sugar Council, and in 1898 of the Indian Currency Commission. In 1899 he was Chairman of the Currency Committee of the West African Colonies. Mr. William Adamson is the senior partner of Messrs. Gillman Wood & Co. and was for many years out here, a member of Council, and one of the most thoughtful and public-spirited men of a time that had a good many men of that stamp. His public services were recognised by Her late Majesty bestowing on him the honour of a C.M.G. He is Chairman of the Straits Settlements Association in London, and a Director of the P. and O. Company. It is some years since he left the Colony, but he has kept well in touch with its interests and should prove a most useful member of the Commission. Mr. George William Johnson, M.A., was appointed a clerk in the Colonial Office in 1881; he was secretary to the Eastern Currency Committee 1891, assistant private secretary to Mr. Chamberlain in 1896, then private secretary to Sir Robert Meade, and became acting principal clerk in the Colonial Office in 1900. He was 8th Wrangler in 1880, and is a scholar of Trin. Coll. Cambridge. Mr. Blain we have not been able to trace." According to the *L. & C. Express* Mr. Blain is a Treasury expert. Mr. A. E. Collins acted as Secretary to the Commission which held its first sitting early in November. It was reported on the 30th January that the Commission had then concluded taking its evidence, and was to proceed immediately to the consideration of its report. The evidence was, it is believed, of a very conflicting nature, and could scarcely be said to betoken anything like a consensus of opinion. It must, therefore, be all the more satisfactory that the conclusions arrived at by the members of the Commission are unanimous; for it is composed of a body of experts so peculiarly fitted by experience and ability to inquire into so technical and complex a problem and to report thereon. Our telegraphic information is that the report has been unanimously signed. The unanimity of the members of the Commission after so protracted and exhaustive an inquiry must be taken as an indication that the weight of evidence is entirely in favour of their recommendations which, if adopted by the Colonial Office—as, indeed, they must be as a natural corollary of the investigation—will work so great a change in the financial system of our sister colony. In the petition presented to Sir Frank Swettenham, K.C.M.G., by the members of the mercantile, commercial, and financial community, land owners,

professional men, Chinese, Indian and other merchants, it was represented that the Silver Dollar—the legal currency of the Colony—had since the first day of the last year declined in value by more than 15 per cent. The dollar being a coin dependent upon the price of silver and accordingly at the mercy of speculators in that metal, who can raise or depress Exchange to suit their interests, is liable to violent fluctuations, and it had been painfully evident that violent fluctuations in Exchange are very detrimental to the general interests of the Colony. Then the petitioners proceeded to state that even if the contention that a dollar of low value is encouraging to a portion of the trade of the Colony be granted, it must without doubt be admitted that there are numerous interests which have been prejudicially affected by the severe fall in silver which had taken place. This assertion is amply borne out by the experience of all those who have felt the pinch of the dollar. And who is there that has not? The answer is furnished in the academic discussion that took place in the meeting of the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce on the 18th February last, Mr. Osborne, the leading speaker on that occasion, interrogated: "Is there a man in the Colony who can truthfully say that he benefits by a fall in silver?" And he gave the reply that there was perhaps just one man and that one whose income is in gold and spends it all in silver to the utmost limit, saving nothing, investing nothing. The agitators in the Straits for a change in the currency, without expressing any views as to the sterling value to be given to the dollar, were of opinion that it is extremely desirable that the legal currency of that Colony and of the Federated Malay States should have a fixed relative value to the British sterling sovereign. It will be seen that by the recommendation of the Commission the wishes of the business community have been entirely met. What will be the value of the new coin in relation to gold when the present dollars are demonetized it is not stated in the telegram; but, nevertheless, the main fact remains that not only is the feasibility of a change to a gold currency recognised but it is actually proposed by the Commission as entirely practicable. It believes that the method of conversion it proposes is to be a slow one, but all the same it is "perfectly safe and sure, involving no risks whatever" and can be effected with a minimum of disturbance to trade and other interests concerned. The bug-bear of the cost of a conversion of the silver to a gold currency has been dissipated into thin air. The ground is thus cut from under the feet of conservative silverites who, in spite of all convincing arguments, are headstrong in the opinion that no change can be brought about in our currency without colossal loss to the Government—a loss which, they say, is much more than the Colony can well endure. Give us the appointment of the Straits Commission and a reform in our currency will follow as the night the day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German Mail of the 1st April was delivered in London on the 30th April.

C. E. LeMunyon has an announcement to make to you very shortly; watch for it.—*Advt.*

THE collier *Tottenham* is due here at the end of the month with a cargo of coal for the Admiralty.

MESSRS. Carmichael & Clarke have finished the construction of the 75 ft. launch *Remedios*, which is destined for Manila.

THE time washing return for the fortnight ended 28th ult. showed that 2,554 houses in the central district were lime-washed.

MESSRS. Hancock and Pontifex met in the final of the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis championship yesterday. Mr. Hancock won by three sets to two.

Watch C. E. LeMunyon's announcement in this paper.—*Advt.*

THIS morning Mr. J. H. Kemp sentenced a native, who had two previous convictions against him, to six weeks' hard labour for stealing a hanging lamp, valued at \$3, the property of Sergeant Cox, of the Derbyshire Regiment.

THE final of the championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be played between Mr. C. E. H. Leavis and Mr. W. W. Clark on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at Happy Valley. Members will be at home at the Golf House from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and ladies are invited.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music in the King Edward Hotel to-morrow Friday, the 8th instant, during dinner from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.
March....."My Old Dutch".....Williams.
Overture....."La Carmelita".....Brylson.
Selection....."Les Cloches de Corneville".....Plaque.
Song....."The Chorister".....Brylson.
Selection....."The Shop Girl".....Brylson.
Valse....."Amour, Amour".....Brylson.
Dance....."God Save the King".....Brylson.

Watch for C. E. LeMunyon's locals in this paper in a few days.—*Advt.*

H.M.S. *Thetis* probably leaves for the North in a few days. *The Fearless* and *Rinaldo* leave for Weihaiwei on the 9th and 10th instant, respectively. After a few days there, they proceed to the Sealing Patrol via Nagasaki and Hakodate.

WITH a view to appeal against the decision given in the *Z. f. f. v.* yesterday, we learn, as we go to press, that the Chinese shipping firms in the Colony have subscribed among themselves a large sum of money in aid of the plaintiff—the *Man Lo ng* firm.

IN order that all bridges along the Canadian Pacific Railway Line to the Pacific Coast may be replaced by steel bridges, as soon as possible, the Management has contracted for the construction of 242 steel bridges, all of which are to be delivered during the present year.

AT the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon, the report of the analyses of the public water supplies for the month of April, 1903, was laid on the table. Samples taken from the Kowloon service, Tytam service, Pokfulam service and Cheung Sha Wan supply showed that the water is of excellent quality.

Keep track of C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Advt.*

THE Acting Chief Justice intimated to the lawyers in court this morning, during the hearing of a bankruptcy case, that, as one of the library books was missing through a member of the "club" leaving it in the court, should any borrowed books be lost in future the barrister or solicitor in question would have to make good the same.

A SPECIAL issue of Government stock will be necessitated by the expenses of the King's reception at Lisbon, says *St. James's Gazette* of March 30th. It reminds one of the small Continental Principality which had to float a fresh supply of Consols in order to have Parliament redecored, and to raise the income-tax when it fired its largest guns.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Ewens & Harston\$25
Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. 10
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PROGRAMME of music to be played by the Band of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, the 11th instant, from 5 to 6.30 p.m.

March....."Shoreham".....P. Blanchet.
Overture....."Stradella".....Flotow.
Scena ed Aria....."L'Assedio d'Arles".....Verdi.
Selection....."The Barcarolle".....Giacini.
Bassoon Solo....."The Scotch Melodies".....Godfrey.
Selection....."A Night in Berlin".....Hortman.
God Save the King.

BEFORE Mr. J. H. Kemp, this morning, Captain G. H. Lee, of the S.S. *Kawachi Maru*, charged a Japanese tailor with stowing himself on his vessel on a trip from Singapore to Hongkong. It seems that the tailor secreted himself on board ship, and his presence was only discovered the next day, when he took a seat at the dining table. He said he paid his passage after the ship left Singapore, on the 30th ult., but as he was unable to show any papers to that effect and was penniless and had no baggage, the Magistrate sentenced him to 14 days' hard labour.

WRITING to the *Chefoo Express* Mr. Fred. J. Curtis, Lloyd's Agent, says:—On behalf of the Captain, Officers and crew of the s.s. *V. Victoria*, and also the undersigned who was present, I write to ask you to insert this letter as a public acknowledgement of kindness and services rendered, in time of need. When no other means were available Captain Ching of the cruiser *Ita yung* promptly offered the services of his vessel, proceeded to the stranded steamer and when bad weather set in, and it was dangerous to remain longer on the steamer, everybody was promptly taken off and remained on board the *Ita yung* through the night where all were unanimous as to the kindness and forethought with which they were treated. Signed by request of the member of the crew of s.s. *Victoria*.

IN a notification in the *Gazette of India* the Governor-General in Council announces to the army that his Majesty the King Emperor has been pleased to permit the words "Pekin 1900" and "China 1900" to be borne upon the colour and appointments of a number of Corps in commemoration of their gallant conduct and distinguished services in China. The 1st Bengal Lancers, the 7th Rajputs, the 1st Sikhs, and the 24th Punjab Infantry are to bear the words "China 1900," while the 3rd Bombay Cavalry, the 16th Bengal Lancers, the Queen's Own Madras Sappers, the Bengal Sappers, the 1st Madras Sappers, the 1st Madras Light Infantry, the 2nd Rajputs, the 28th Madras Infantry, 31st Burma Infantry, the 6th Jats, the 22nd Bombay Infantry, the 26th Baluchistan Infantry, the 14th Sikhs, the 4th Punjab Infantry, the 4th Gurkhas, the 20th Punjab Infantry, the 30th Baluch Infantry, the 33rd Punjab Infantry, the 5th Infantry, the Hyderabad Contingent, and also the Imperial Service Jodhpore Lancers, Malerkotla Sappers, the *Atwar* Infantry, and the *Bikaur* Infantry are to bear the words "Peking, 1900."

Keep your eyes open for C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Advt.*

FOR the fortnight ended 4th inst. 1,699 rats, of which 140 were infected, were caught in this City of Victoria and 1,501, of which 37 were infected, in Kowloon, making a grand total of 3,193 caught and 177 infected.

AT the instance of Captain W. Walsh, of the s.s. *Huron*, G. R. Hood, a seaman of the vessel, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemd this morning with unlawfully disobeying the orders of the skipper, and with neglect of duty. He was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

THE SANITARY CONDITION OF EAST POINT.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board, a letter, addressed to the Secretary by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., was considered. The writers thanked the Board for exempting the houses occupied by the operatives of their mill from house to house visitation. Subject to the approval of the Board they had engaged Dr. Kwan San Yin, formerly of the Alice Memorial Hospital, whose sole duty would be to examine each house and the occupants thereof at least once daily, and they undertook that he would give notice to the Board of all cases of plague that occur amongst their operatives. For the consideration of the Board they ventured to suggest that the drains in Caroline Road, Eswick Street, Irving Street, Yee Wo Street, and Jardine Bazaar should be flushed with sea water once daily as in 1902. The tank specially built by them last year for that purpose was still available and they were inclined to think that the sanitary condition of the East Point district, which is low-lying, should be improved by the adoption of some means whereby the drains could be subjected, during dry weather, to periodical flushings. The request was granted.

THE NEW MEMBER OF SANITARY BOARD.

At the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon Mr. E. A. Hewett took his seat for the first time as a member of that body. The following letter, from the Colonial Secretary to the Sanitary Board Secretary, was read:—
Colonial Secretary's Office,
12th April, 1903.
SIR,—I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. E. A. Hewett to be a member of the Sanitary Board in place of Mr. E. Osborne resigned.—I am, etc.
(Sd.) F. H. MAY.

PLAGUE INFECTED HOUSES.

The Colonial Secretary has written to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board asking if the Board has considered the question of prohibiting the removal of furniture, bedding, etc., in plague time without a permit. He thinks it would stop the removal of infected effects from plague infected houses before the Police or Sanitary Inspector arrive on the scene. This was circulated to the members of the Board. The Secretary notified the President and stated: This may be done under No. 2 of the Byelaws for the Prevention or mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic or Contagious Disease. Mr. H. E. Pollock minuted:—I don't think that the byelaws cover all the ground which is covered by the Colonial Secretary's minute. Mr. Fung Wa Chin:—General prohibition on is inadvisable as it interferes with the freedom of the people. As far as infected houses are concerned, the idea is good. Captain Lyons:—A copy of this bye-law in question might be attached. The Principal Civil Medical Officer:—The crown solicitor states that this bye-law empowers the prevention of the removal of furniture etc. to or from any premises in the districts defined by the Board.

SANITARY SURVEYOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon the following report was submitted:—
Sanitary Board Office,
4th May, 1903.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith my report for the first quarter of 1903.

(1) Plans have been deposited and passed by me during the quarter for the drainage of 51 houses, plans for 713 houses were carried forward from 1902, making a total of 767 in hand during the quarter.
(2) The drainage of 79 houses has been completed having 688 to carry forward.
(3) Notices for repairs or alterations to the drains of 60 houses have been received, 94 were carried forward from 1902 making a total of 154 in hand during the quarter. Of these 71 have been completed and 4 cancelled having 76 to carry forward.
(4) Certificates have been granted under Section 84 of Ordinance 13 of 1901 for 137 new houses that have been built in accordance with the provisions of that Ordinance.
(5) The drains of 39 houses have been inspected and reported on. Of these 34 required amending and 5 were found to be carried forward in good order. Notices were served on the owners of the above 34 houses calling on them to execute the necessary work.
(6) In addition to the above, 7,722 houses have been inspected by the drainage inspectors with the result that 431 minor drainage nuisances have been discovered. Notices have been served in each case on the owner or occupier requiring them to abate the nuisance.
91 nuisances have been reported to the M. O. H. and 91 to the Hon. D. P. W. to be dealt with by them.
792 choked drain traps on private property have been cleaned by the Drainage Inspectors.
(7) The records have been maintained and are complete.
(8) The following tables show:—
(a) The new drainage work done during the quarter.
(b) The number of repairs or additions executed during the quarter.
(c) The total work done since the Public Health Ordinance came in force.

TABLE A.

Year.	Number of houses drained.	Number received.	Number in hand.
Carried forward	73	713	640
from 1902...	6	54	48
1903 1st quarter.	79	767	688

TABLE B.

Year.	Passed.	Can. Total.	Received.	In hand.
Carried forward	38	1	39	94
from 1902...	3	3	39	60
1st quarter 1903	74	4	78	154

TABLE C.

Year.	Plans received.	Houses Plans received.	Houses Plans carried forward.	Houses Plans in hand.
1899 to 1902 inclusive	13,082	11,721	618	713
1st quarter 1903	54	79	—	681
	13,136	11,800	618	1,401

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon 10-day 10 further cases of bubonic plague, making 518 since January 1st, were reported.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILED DUE.
English (*Valencia*) 8th inst.
German (*Bayern*) 12th inst.
German (*Schiffahrt*) 21st inst.
Indian (*Kuntaw*) 22nd inst.

The J. C. S. N. s.s. *Kwale* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits 3th inst. and may be expected here 22nd inst.

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PLAGUE INFECTED HOUSES.

The Colonial Secretary has written to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board asking if the Board has considered the question of prohibiting the removal of furniture, bedding, etc., in plague time without a permit. He thinks it would stop the removal of infected effects from plague infected houses before the Police or Sanitary Inspector arrive on the scene. This was circulated to the members of the Board. The Secretary notified the President and stated: This may be done under No. 2 of the Byelaws for the Prevention or mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic or Contagious Disease. Mr. H. E. Pollock minuted:—I don't think that the byelaws cover all the ground which is covered by the Colonial Secretary's minute. Mr. Fung Wa Chin:—General prohibition on is inadvisable as it interferes with the freedom of the people. As far as infected houses are concerned, the idea is good. Captain Lyons:—A copy of this bye-law in question might be attached. The Principal Civil Medical Officer:—The crown solicitor states that this bye-law empowers the prevention of the removal of furniture etc. to or from any premises in the districts defined by the Board.

SANITARY SURVEYOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon the following report was submitted:—
Sanitary Board Office,
4th May, 1903.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith my report for the first quarter of 1903.

(1) Plans have been deposited and passed by me during the quarter for the drainage of 51 houses, plans for 713 houses were carried forward from 1902, making a total of 767 in hand during the quarter.
(2) The drainage of 79 houses has been completed having 688 to carry forward.
(3) Notices for repairs or alterations to the drains of 60 houses have been received, 94 were carried forward from 1902 making a total of 154 in hand during the quarter. Of these 71 have been completed and 4 cancelled having 76 to carry forward.
(4) Certificates have been granted under Section 84 of Ordinance 13 of 1901 for 137 new houses that have been built in accordance with the provisions of that Ordinance.
(5) The drains of 39 houses have been inspected and reported on. Of these 34 required amending and 5 were found to be carried forward in good order. Notices were served on the owners of the above 34 houses calling on them to execute the necessary work.
(6) In addition to the above, 7,722 houses have been inspected by the drainage inspectors with the result that 431 minor drainage nuisances have been discovered. Notices have been served in each case on the owner or occupier requiring them to abate the nuisance.
91 nuisances have been reported to the M. O. H. and 91 to the Hon. D. P. W. to be dealt with by them.
792 choked drain traps on private property have been cleaned by the Drainage Inspectors.
(7) The records have been maintained and are complete.
(8) The following tables show:—
(a) The new drainage work done during the quarter.
(b) The number of repairs or additions executed during the quarter.
(c) The total work done since the Public Health Ordinance came in force.

TABLE A.

Year.	Number of houses drained.	Number received.	Number in hand.
Carried forward	73	713	640
from 1902...	6	54	48
1903 1st quarter.	79	767	688

TABLE B.

Year.	Passed.	Can. Total.	Received.	In hand.
Carried forward	38	1	39	94
from 1902...	3	3	39	60
1st quarter 1903	74	4	78	154

TABLE C.

Year.	Plans received.	Houses Plans received.	Houses Plans carried forward.	Houses Plans in hand.
1899 to 1902 inclusive	13,082	11,721	618	713
1st quarter 1903	54	79	—	681
	13,136	11,800	618	1,401

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon 10-day 10 further cases of bubonic plague, making 518 since January 1st, were reported.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILED DUE.
English (*Valencia*) 8th inst.
German (*Bayern*) 12th inst.
German (*Schiffahrt*) 21st inst.
Indian (*Kuntaw*) 22nd inst.

The J. C. S. N. s.s. *Kwale* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits 3th inst. and may be expected here 22nd inst.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

STRAITS CURRENCY COMMISSION REPORT.

ADOPTION OF GOLD STANDARD RECOMMENDED.

CHANGE, SAFE AND SURE.
COMMISSIONERS UNANIMOUS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, 7th May,
12.05 p.m.

The report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the advisability or otherwise of a change in the Currency of the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States has been unanimously signed. If it be decided that the gold standard ought to be substituted in the Straits Settlements for the present silver currency, the opinion of the Commissioners is that such change is quite practicable and appears to be an indispensable part of any gold scheme to substitute for the present dollars a currency special to the Straits to be controlled by the Government of the Settlements. Unless it be decided to use the Indian rupee the Commission recommends the gradual introduction of a special dollar of the same weight and fineness as the present British dollar, and also the demonetization of the present dollars as soon as the supply of the new coin is sufficient for all requirements and will permit of the demonetization with safety. When a sufficient quantity of the new token has been coined to meet the requirements of the Straits Settlements and the adjoining Federated Native States further coinage should cease till exchange value reaches whatever value in relation to the British sterling sovereign that might be decided by Government as the future value of the Straits dollar. Afterwards the Government should issue new coins in exchange for gold at a fixed rate. The Commission believes this method to be slow, but perfectly safe and sure, involving no risk whatever, and creating the minimum of disturbance to all interests concerned.

Opium for China.

(From our own Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, 7th May.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s mail steamer left Bombay yesterday evening with about 815 chests of Malwa opium. The prices of the best drug are—

Malwa New.....Rs. 1,135
" Old....." 1,250
" Oldest....." 1,370

(Reuters.)

The King's Tour.

LONDON, 5th May.

The King passed the night on his yacht at Cherbourg and entertained the French and English Officers on board. The British and French squadrons illuminated.

The Irish Land Bill.

Mr. Wyndham moved the second reading of the Irish Land Bill. Mr. John Redmond severely criticized the details and entreated the Government to adopt essential amendments to which both Landlords and Tenants agreed. Should the Government not adopt the amendments the Nationalists would not support the Bill.

LATER.

The King's Return.

The King, who has arrived in London, met with an exceptionally enthusiastic reception emphasizing the appreciation of the results of his tour.

Somaliland.

It is rumoured in Aden that the Mullah attacked the column at Geladi and was repulsed with heavy loss; the British losses being considerable.

FOR breaking and entering into No. 376 Des Vaux Road West and stealing therefrom two bags of gambier, valued at \$12, a native was sentenced by Mr. J. H. Kemp to three months' hard labour. The prisoner said that he was standing at the door of the shop when a man accosted him and asked him to carry the two bags.

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"A DREAM OF RINALDO."

BY THE MOCK GAITY GANG.

At the Theatre Royal last evening, before a very large and appreciative audience, the Mock Gaity Gang, of H.M.S. *Rinaldo*, gave a very successful extravaganza, entitled *A Dream of Rinaldo*. Punctual to the appointed hour, the band of the ship struck up a familiar refrain from the "Belle of New York," and the curtain rose displaying a fine painting of the sloop *Rinaldo*, with bulging sails, ploughing the waters of the ocean on a voyage of discovery. After the termination of the selection, the inner curtain was raised and the audience was introduced to the quarter-deck of the *Rinaldo* where Ben Brace, a King's hard bargainer, is seen reeling about the deck, with a bottle of beer in his hand and singing a bacchanalian song. Eventually he succumbs to the arms of Morpheus, and, through reading Tasso's *Jerusalem Delivered*, and Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso*, in his moments of sobriety he is transported to the flower of bliss in the enchanted island and dreams of *Rinaldo* and a mating brought about by him where the fair sex predominates, and general festivities figure prominently in his muddled brains. He is carried back to his younger days and dreams fondly of his relations, recalls old times, and the happy times of his childhood. During his dream, about thirty artists, comprising *Arinda*, his innamorata, a sorceress, her four hand-maidens, King Neptune, *Rinaldo*, the figure-head of the vessel, twin lunatics, his late employer, his mother, the squire of his parish, the vicar, and his personal friends, among whom is a polite American appear on the stage and delight the audience by various songs, dances, topical jokes, and his referring to naval gunnery on the China Station, etc. A feature of the evening was an exhibition of a serpentine dance executed with great skill by one of the artists. The parodies of *Belle of New York* turned into *Belle of Hongkong*, and *Oh, teach me how to love into Oh, teach me how to shoot*, received general applause. Previous to the extravaganza, a short sketch, entitled *Out of Tune* was presented by two members of the "Gang."

A Dream of Rinaldo will be repeated tonight, and as the proceeds are to be devoted to charitable purposes, a full house should result.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, 6th May.

GUNBOAT CAPTURES PIRATES. The report of a capture of pirates, at Kunchuk, West River, by a British gunboat, reached here on the 5th inst. It is said that the bluejackets took nine men prisoners, while one man was killed. The gunboat would-be the *Moore*; it is her first blood.

YUAN SHI-KAI.

The China Merchants S.S. *Kwantah*, the favourite passenger steamer of Chinese officials, arrived here last Tuesday morning, and various members of Yuan Shi-kai's suite were aboard. I understand that Yuan is being despatched South to operate against the Kwangsi rebels. It is locally believed that he should prove an able man for the task.

THE VICEROY'S DEPARTURE.

The Chinese armed transport *Fai On* is lying in the back reach, and I am informed that she is to take the present acting Viceroy and suit North.

THE PROTEST AGAINST GOV. ERNOR WANG CHIH-CHUN OF KWANGSI.

The *M. C. D. News* learns that the following identical telegrams were despatched on Monday, 27th ult., after the mass meeting at the Canton Guildhouse, under the name of the "United gentry and merchants of the Two Kwang provinces residing in Shanghai," and addressed to Prince Ching and the Ministers of the Grand Council, Viceroy Wei Kuang-tao, of the Liangkiang provinces, and Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai, of Chihli—

"With reference to the conduct of Governor Wang Chih-chun, of Kwangsi, in borrowing French troops and French money on his own responsibility, we would state that were such a precedent once started it will give the opportunity to the various Powers to use as a lever for all sorts of future demands upon China, and so affect the integrity and independence of our country that no thought or language can picture the result. We humbly pray that you will telegraph to Governor Wang Chih-chun censuring him on his conduct and prevent his carrying out his policy. We also pray that a capable and upright officer of high rank may be sent to take the said Governor's place to rescue our fellow-provincials and direct the operations of the army in the South. The inhabitants of the Empire will indeed be fortunate if this be done."

HONGKONG.

The following description of Hongkong is taken from "C. T. S." second instalment of his *Memories* contributed to the *Singapore Free Press*—

The Chinese scenery comes upon the Far-Eastward bound traveller as quite a surprise, sandwiched between Malaya and Japan, and differing so entirely from both. While freezing at a temperature which has dropped in a few days from 85 to 55 degrees, I feel as if I shall remember Hongkong as the place where I said "Good-bye, Summer, Good-bye! Good-bye!" But that would be ungrateful, for I have pictures of the place in my memory which make me feel rich, and I wonder why no one ever told me how beautiful it is. One hears the name so constantly, but only mentioned as a point of departure for other places, not for its own charms. The purveyor of varied

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and accurate information always to be found and avoided on board ship, tells you it ranks next in importance as a shipping port to London, and that the Peak is 1,800 odd feet high. But he doesn't tell you what a feast for the eyes is spread out in the views of the harbour from the Peak and the Peak from the harbour, nor how we have literally made to blossom as a rose, a wilderness originally as frowning and bleak as the menacing headlands on the Chinese mainland opposite. Not only the trees, shrubs, and flowers, but the very soil in which they grow was originally brought to the island and carried by coolies up the mountain paths. Steamers anchor at Kowloon wharf on the mainland which enables one to see the harbour and island to much better advantage than if tucked under the lee of the rock. I say "to see" but perhaps one rather good reason why Hongkong scenery is and often passed over in silence, is that it is invisible a great part of the time. It is a veritable kingdom of the mists, and I believe if you are a resident you must either live at an altitude which will enable you to keep your head and shoulders above the fogs, or else at a level below which they do not descend. The Peak has a habit of wrapping itself in a toga of cloud much in the same way that Table Mountain makes use of its table cloth. I am privileged to see it unshrouded, but I am bound to own the views were somewhat of the impressionist school and before the end of the day only the lower slopes of the headlands were visible.

On landing we went at once, as every traveller is bound to do, to the Post Office, but that my letters got posted is due to my friends, for I could not get in and turn my back on a street opposite, which was borrowed direct from Italy. Steep and narrow, with trees on either side and backed with a strip of mountain, it was full of flower sellers with baskets piled high with roses, heliotrope and tuberoses. A veritable Jacob's ladder of sweetness, with all the scent and colour of the south; but the flower girls after yellow skinned coolies with pig-tails. A constant stream of trotting rickshaws flowed past, but no heavy traffic, no noise. Such blessed peace.

When the united efforts of my friends had finished my post-office business, they took me across to my enchanted street and invited me to put myself in a chair with shafts fore and aft, and coolies to match. This desperate venture had to be made alone. As soon as I had seated myself the leading coolie stepped inside the shafts and the two of them (mercifully simultaneously) hoisted me on their shoulders and started up the hill with me. The motion is decidedly staccato, excellent, no doubt for the liver, but fatal to hairdressing unless one's back-hair were tinkered to one's head. Mere hair-pins cannot be expected to know and keep their place under such conditions. I never felt so heavy in my life, though when I saw some married Germans wedged into chairs, and being carried by, apparent ease I began to think my coolies might congratulate themselves. We dismissed our chair at the gardens and explored them awhile, revelling in lovely peeps of sea and shipping framed in greenery, and in the beautiful sights in the gardens, themselves—the most striking being the huge azalea shrubs. Masses of pink blossoms, looking as if weighed down by pink snow. Novel to me were the Norfolk Island pines which look like slender green pagodas.

We took the cable tram to the Peak where we had tea, which was a vile concoction warranted neither to cheer nor inebriate. It is quite refreshing to complain of something, and so lessen the flavour of universal gush which I feel renders these letters insipid. Mists were rolling up in appropriate Scotch fashion as we strolled by Chamberlain Road and looked down on Aberdeen, and the peaceful bay of Little Hongkong. Descending in the tram was not so pleasant. The seat backs are not adjustable and you go lying on your back, with your head down and your heels up. I took it standing, facing the descent; but I felt rather like the scriptural swine. In busy Queen's Rd I had my debut in a ricksha which I infinitely prefer to the chairs. I don't feel a dead weight and I don't feel as if the depths of my being were being jolled up into the top of my head. Also my back hair stays up. One thing I yearned for—a back-pedal-lug brake; so as to be a little less at the mercy of my coolie when he gets started down hill in a busy street with innumerable cross-roads full of traffic. I felt very like a child in a go-cart.

Queen's Rd was my very first peep into Chinatown, and I shall never forget it. Against every wall, from every projecting roost and balcony, hung coloured oblong wooden signs with Chinese ideographs in black or colour. To those who can read them, they give no doubt, these merely convey such prosaic information as that Pun Soon is the cheapest house in the trade for groceries or dry goods, or that Ah Poon's licence entitles him to be drunk on the premises. But except to the heathen Chinese they are merely decorative, and the effect of a forest of them in perspective and in every combination of colour with gliding thrown in, is as quaint as it is pretty. The steep side streets are borrowed direct from Naples and Capri, and are hung with gay garments and filled with soul curdling odours—quite a *Fladdene*.

We return by ferry to our steamer, my head aching with its burden of unsated impressions, and I imagine—quite wrongly—that I have seen all the beauties of Hongkong. But as darkness falls a fairy transformation scene takes place. Hongkong fades into the blackness and is not. But where it is a diamond tier, tier above tier of lustrous lights connected with festooning chains of the same—the faintest, prettiest design. A discordant thrush effective note is struck by a lurid plane arising from a street fire in the native quarter, rising and spreading and illuminating the pallid curtain of fog—now hanging—dense over the heights. I watch it as one might a stage effect, hardly moved by its significance. The fire signal goes up in the town, and after a while the glare dies away, and I pull myself together out of dreamland, and go to my cabin to sleep.

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HONGKONG—UNITED STATES LINERS.

IN AN AWKWARD PREDICAMENT.

Several days ago *The World* announced the new regulation passed by the American authorities at Washington to the effect that no Chinaman should be shipped for deportation on any vessel afterwards touching at Victoria. This ordinance, according to the *Tacoma Ledger*, has occasioned considerable inconvenience, and no little speculation as to what permanent arrangements will be made in the matter. Says the *Ledger*: It has been the regular practice of all Northern Pacific liners from this port and of the Japanese liners from Seattle to put in at Victoria on their way out for the Orient. The order found the local marshal's office with eleven Chinamen on hand for deportation. These were taken to Seattle by Chief Deputy Marshal Crosby, with the expectation of embarking them on one of the Japanese liners sailing March 24th, being the first one due to leave the Sound. The vessel, however, could not take the contrabands, as it intended putting into Victoria on the way out.

The men were brought back to Tacoma and are being held for the Northern Pacific S.S. *Victoria*, which sails from this port April 17th. The marshal's office now has on hand fifteen natives of the Celestial kingdom for deportation and arrangements have been made with Messrs. Dodwell & Co., agents for the line, for taking the Chinese back home without making the stop at Victoria. No definite arrangements have been made governing future sailings and his matter will be taken up by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company in the near future. Unless suitable arrangements can be made with the steamship companies operating from the Sound the prisoners will have to be shipped to San Francisco by rail and sent across from that port. This course would involve a large extra expense for the marshal's office.

The purpose of the order is to prevent the possible escape of contraband Chinamen being deported during the stay of a vessel at Victoria as has happened once or twice. On one occasion, about a year ago, one of the Chinamen was taken from the vessel under a writ of *habeas corpus*. On another occasion six or eight months ago five Chinamen managed to make their escape from the vessel while detained overtime in port there. On that occasion, the Canadian authorities fined the shipowners \$500, but that did not, of course, rid the country of the proscribed heathen and was no balm to Uncle Sam's wound. The price paid for the passage of Chinamen back to Hongkong is \$37.50. It is expected that when the marshal has a sufficient number for deportation to make it pay, the Chinamen will be taken and the stop at Victoria cut out. As there is an average of fifteen Chinamen shipped from Tacoma and other Puget Sound cities each month, no trouble in effecting suitable arrangements with the steamship companies is anticipated. A method that may be followed in some instances is to take the Mongolians on board a tug and land them on the outward bound steamship after it has left Victoria.—*Panorama Daily World*, 7th ult.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

Several hundred miles off the coast of Java, right out in that part of the Indian Ocean that is most remote from the usual track of vessels, lies Christmas Island, a tiny islet, which, up to the year 1878, was uninhabited, and to all practical purposes unknown. First settled by a small party from the Cocos Islands, in this way it was brought under the notice of the Imperial Government, and in June, 1888, a vessel of war—to wit, His Majesty's ship *Imperieuse*—was sent down from Singapore to annex the territory. This was accomplished without any difficulty, and Christmas Island became a dependency of the Straits Settlements. Thus another lonely outpost was added to the Empire.

Although annexed, little was done with regard to the island until the year 1897, when, as the result of private prospecting, it was discovered that it was rich in phosphates, and a company was the-upon formed in London, under the title of "The Christmas Island Phosphate Company (Limited)," for the purpose of obtaining control of the island from the Straits Settlements Government and working the phosphate deposits. An arrangement was effected whereby the company was granted a ninety-nine years' lease of the island, on condition that a royalty should be paid on all the phosphate exported of 5 per cent. per ton on the selling price, after deducting the cost of freight and commission, and from then until now the company has continued its operations, and not without success. In 1900 no less than 35,487 tons were exported, last year the amount reached 61,178 tons, and, since new and improved plant has recently been erected, the output for 1903 should reach a much higher total.

When the company first took possession the island was in a barren state, and labour, supplies, building material, and the like had to be imported from Singapore and other places. At the present time there are already a thousand coolies at work on the phosphate beds—Klings, Malays, Javanese, and Chinese, the latter preponderating—and to such an extent has the little settlement grown that the Straits Settlements Government has stationed a district officer on the island, who acts as chief magistrate, collector of taxes and land revenue, coroner, and in a host of other capacities. The phosphate deposits are enormous. They are generally held to be the result of the action of rain on certain accumulations of coals, formed at the bottom of the sea, and subsequently thrown up by a submarine eruption. The greatest difficulty experienced in working the beds is owing to the fact that they are

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situated on high cliffs, adjacent to the sea, and, in order to load, vessels are compelled to come close alongside these cliffs, by the side of which there is very deep water. This water is much exposed, and, owing to its depth, becomes rough in an exceedingly short space of time, and in bad weather, the coast cannot be approached; nowhere is there safe anchorage. From May to November fair weather prevails, but cannot be relied on, while during the remaining months the weather is very treacherous.

Already the island has made history for itself, but in rather an unfortunate manner. Two years ago it had the unenviable distinction of possessing what was probably the highest death rate in the world, for the ratio of mortality for that year, among the coolies on the island, was actually 45.57 per mille! Nearly all the deaths were due to that mysterious disease, but one so common among natives in these parts, beri-beri. So serious a condition of affairs was naturally the subject of discussion in the Straits Legislative Council, and steps were taken to inquire fully into the matter. It was found that the susceptibility to the disease was greatest among those natives who lived principally on dried fish, particularly so in the case of the Chinese, who do not, as a rule, thoroughly cook their fish before eating it. Accordingly the diet of the coolies was varied, fresh vegetables being granted them by the company, a thing which had not been done before, and every endeavour was made to combat the disease. Dr. Durham, of the London Tropical School of Medicine, proceeded to the island to study the conditions locally, but up to the present it cannot be said that much success has been met with.

In the report issued by the district officer for last year, the death-rate is shown to be 197.14 per mille. This ratio is much lower than that of preceding years, but is still very high. Beri-beri is prevalent in the Straits Settlements, and, in fact, throughout the East Indies, but in these places it does not claim its victims on such a stupendous scale as in Christmas Island. It would seem that there is some local cause for the disease, which cannot be, or at any rate has not yet been, discovered. Vegetables cannot be grown on the island owing to a plague of rats with which it is afflicted, nor is the soil any too prolific were this obstacle removed. This want has been remedied by the importation of fresh vegetables from Java and other places; and, owing to the poor quality of the water on the island and the shortness of supply, condensers have been erected and a regular supply thus guaranteed. The fact remains, however, that the condition of affairs in Christmas Island is in need of improvement, for a death-rate such as it possesses at the present time is a disgrace to civilization. Unless a remedy can be effected, or native labour dispensed with, far better that this lonely island should revert to its former state and its riches remain untapped than the toll of human life now yearly exacted should continue.—*P.M.*

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	118 3/16
" Bank Bills, on demand	118 1/8
" Credits, 4 months' sight	118 9/16
" Dime's 4 months' sight	118 11/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	118 1/16
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	212
" Credits, 4 months' sight	212 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	41 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	41 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	126 1/2
" On demand	126 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/2
" Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	82 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.73
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	nom.
Bar Silver	118 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

TO-day's quotations are as follows:—	Per chest
MALWA NEW	Nominal
" LAST YEAR	@ \$960/980
" OLDEST	@ 1,040/1,075
PATNA NEW	@ 1,015
BENARES NEW	@ 1,010
PERSIAN (PAPER)	Nominal

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"
Captain Courtney, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [561e]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TIENTSIN,"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignee will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 13th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.
All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [4]

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To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

TO-MORROW

(FRIDAY), the 8th May, 1903,

at 11 A.M.,

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,

Corner of Ice House Street,

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUIT, IRON BED-STEADS,

BABY'S COT, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, TEAKWOOD

WARDROBES, CHAIRS, WRITING TABLE, WHATNOTS, LAMPS, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, DINNER SERVICE, Five BICYCLES, &c., &c.,

AND

Two IRON SAFES, Twelve Cases of ENAMELLED WARE, Twenty-five Cases of BLACK VELVETTES; and

One EDELWEISS ORGAN, Three COTTAGE PIANOS (One by John Broadwood & Sons, London), and Three SADDLES and BRIDLES Complete.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [560e]

THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY DEPOT,

No. 3, ICE HOUSE STREET.

M. R. W. PARLANE having resigned, the Undersigned has been appointed

MANAGER from this Date.

Compradore (Orders to be made out in favour of "Manager, Hongkong Frozen Food Supply,"

LAU KUI TONG,

Manager.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [565e]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [562e]

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"STRASSBURG,"

Captain Madsen, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [563e]

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"STRASSBURG,"

Captain Madsen, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 14th instant, at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [564e]

NOTICE.

THE LEAL SENADO DA CAMARA

OF MACAO, duly authorized, will receive Tenders for the supply of ELECTRIC POWER to be used in the Lighting of the Public Streets of the City of Macao, under the following Conditions:—

I. The Tenders are to be forwarded, in sealed covers, addressed to the LEAL SENADO DA CAMARA, and delivered at the Secretary's Office of the same Department.

II. The time allowed for the forwarding of the Tenders is within Six months from the date of this Notice.

III. The Tenders are to state in Mexican dollars, of local currency, the following prices:—

With reference to the lighting of the public streets:—

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 8th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 11th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 13th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 25th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTZE"	On 4th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 6th June.

The "White-Funnel" str. "HYSON" left Singapore 3rd instant, and is expected here 8th instant, p.m.
S.S. "AJAX" left Singapore 6th instant and is due here 11th instant, p.m.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'ON & A'WERP.	"JASON"	On 12th May.
LIVERPOOL and GENOA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 17th May.
LONDON	"PATROCLOS"	On 20th May.
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 4th June.
LIVERPOOL and GENOA	"HYSON"	On 12th June.
MARSEILLES, L'ON & A'WERP.	"ALCINOUS"	On 23rd June.
MARSEILLES, L'ON & A'WERP.	"ANTENOR"	On 7th July.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"AJAX"	On 20th May.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	7th May.
SHANGHAI	"TIENSIN"	8th "
KOBE	"TSINAN"	9th "
TIENSIN	"KWEIYANG"	15th "
MANILA	"BUNGKANG"	20th "
MANILA	"TSINAN"	20th "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1903.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 9th May, at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 16th May, at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

PORTLAND OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingworth	May 22, 1903.
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	June 14, "
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	July 14, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

PROPOSED SAILINGS—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations	Steamers	Captains	Sailing Dates
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 10th April.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 17th May.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 20th May.

* VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co's Pontoons at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.HONGKONG-MANILA,
REDUCED SALOON PAS-
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$25. RETURN, \$40.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unrivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw Steamer

"KWONG CHOW," 1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days leaving CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey. Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903.

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

THE Steamship

"CHU KONG," Capt. Mason.

Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO, Daily, at 8 A.M. SUNDAY including.

Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG, Daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY including.

This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior Cabin Accommodation.

FARES:

1st Class \$2.00

2nd " 1.00

3rd "50

Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO.,

No. 42, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1903.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

THE "Shire" Line

S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE" will be despatched on or about FRIDAY, the 15th May.

The American Asiatic S.S. Co.'s

"NORMAN ISLES" will be despatched on or about MONDAY, the 15th June.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship

Captain

Tons

Sailing Date

ROHILLA MARU E. P. Bishop ... 3,869 Saturday, 9th May, at 11 A.M.

ROSETTA MARU N. Tate 3,876 Friday, 15th May, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1903.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG" Captain Meyrick will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1903.

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL TRANSPORT LINE.

STEAM FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"HEATHFORD" will be despatched on or about 25th May.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,

General Eastern Agents for China.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1903.

Intimations.

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.

No. 12 & 14, Queen's Road Central.

LEE LOONG.

DEALER IN

Furniture, Blackwood, Fluted Glass, Crocheted Ware, Brass and Iron Bedsteads and Batten Sofas for whole set.

JUST ARRIVED.

No. 1 & 3, D'Aguiar Street.

Behind Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

(1903)

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies).

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

ALSO

VENICE AND TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through Rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA" Captain Maganzini, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.

At Bombay, the Steamer is discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1903.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).

Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZIL, to EAST and SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA," Captain Mosca, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th instant, P.M.

For Information as to Passage and Freight apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,

Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1903.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK,

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL

(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.

"SAGAMI" About 23rd May.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1903.

[539d]

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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Hongkong, 5th May, 1903.

Intimations.

WAI YUNG

PHOTOGRAPHER,

No. 1, D'AGUIAR STREET, HONGKONG.

HIGH CLASS PORTRAITURE IN ALL STYLES, ENLARGEMENTS.

VIEWS ALWAYS ON HAND

TERMS MODERATE.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1902.

[1393d]

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PHOTOGRAPHER,

TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN Ice-House Road.

Is now in a position, in his New and Commodious Premises, to eclipse, as heretofore, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED to the Colony or in any part of the Far East.

GROUPS and VIEWS a speciality.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1902.

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THE HONGKONG STUDIO.

PHOTOGRAPHER, CRAYON PORTRAIT PAINTER, ETC.

PHOTOGRAPHY in all its Branches. Groups and Interiors a Speciality. Large Selection of Views.

TOP STORIES, 41 and 43, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

[1399d]

NOTICE

THE Public are hereby informed that no change has been made in the Rates of Subscription to the Hongkong Telegraph and they are warned against paying more than TEN CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.

THE MANAGER,

Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903.

Intimation.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,

HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China

Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon, China, Ceylon, India and the Far East generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition published for despatch by the homeward mail

The daily is recommended as more generally suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or America.

A special feature is made of full and accurate reports of local occurrences, and of matters of general interest.

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The Hongkong Telegraph is the best medium for advertising in China. It circulates largely among all classes of the community, is the largest daily newspaper and has a wider circulation than any journal in the Far East.

Special attention given to effectively displaying advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting advertisements is similar to this, unless we are instructed to display the advertisement, when any effective style of type will be adopted.

This standard runs exactly eight lines to the inch, and about eight words to the line.

ADVERTISEMENT RATES.

(per inch.)

One week \$ 2.85

One month 7.20

Two months 13.00

Three " 20.00

Steamers Expected.			
Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Valetta	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	May 8
Hyson	Singapore	C. M. Co.	May 8
Kwaiyang	Chefoo	B. & S.	May 10
Bombay Maru	Singapore	N. Y. K.	May 11
Indrapura	Pland, Or.	P. & A. Co.	May 11
Kinshu Maru	Japan	N. Y. K.	May 12
Bayern	Japan	W. & O.	May 12
Stuttgart	Calcutta	H. M. & Co.	May 21
Indrasamba	Pland, Or.	P. & A. Co.	June 3

Ships Passed the Canal.			
Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Outward—9th April—Hylon	15th April—		
Maravia, Rasba, Indralco, C. F. de Laeiz			
Tollenkum, Radnorshire	17th April—		
Aravonia, Mochan, Alcinous	21st April—		
Benionand, Glenek, Ernest Simons	28th April—		
Annam, Indralco, Redvers Hocken	1st May—		
Bamberg, Trieste, Manila	5th May—		

Homeward—20th March—Tantania			
Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Shimosa, Wind bonu	17th April—		
Ajax	21st April—		
Canton, Bendleuch, Nestor	28th April—		
Formosa, Oceanien	29th April—		
Kintuck, Stuttgart	1st May—		
Sydney, Andalusia	5th May—		
Candia, Kamakura Maru			

Arrivals at Home—3rd April—Manuel			
Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Ligano	6th April—		
Ceylon	7th April—		
Annam	9th April—		
Purshur, Preussen	15th April—		
Perruss	17th April—		
Hakala Maru	21st April—		
Dardanus, Austria	27th April—		
Banca	28th April—		
Gibraltar, Awa Maru	28th April—		
Hamburg	1st May—		
Glengyle	5th May—		
Muchan, Sydney			

Post Office.			
Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Canton—Per Fatsan	8th inst.		7.30 A.M.
Tamsui—Per Daiji Maru	8th inst.		11 A.M.
Quang Techoo, Hoihow, Pakhoi, Haiphong	8th inst.		11 A.M.
Per Hui, 8th inst.			11 A.M.
Kobe, Yokohama—Per Kawachi Maru	8th inst.		11 A.M.
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Manila—Per Rudi	9th inst.		9 A.M.
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Kobe—Per Tientsin	9th inst.		11 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Taitoucin—Per			
Coromandel, 9th inst.			11 A.M.
Hongay—Per Amara	9th inst.		5 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui—Per Daiji Maru	10th inst.		9 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, Bombay—Per Ischia	11th inst.		11 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo—Per Shanghai	13th inst.		10 A.M.
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